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TO AMEMBASSY MEXICO IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: MEAT QUOTAS

R"F: MEXICO 13328, STATE 258954

1. WE TAKE POSITION THAT EXISTING VRA ALREADY BINDS US NOT TO USE 1976 IN DETERMINING FUTURE MEXICAN QUOTA, AND THAT AMENDMENT OF AGREEMENT IS NOT NECESSARY. FURTHER WE PREFER TO AVOID NEW AGREEMENT WITH MEXICO WHICH MIGHT DRAW ATTENTION AND EVOKE DEMANDS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES. ACCORDINGLY AGATT REQUESTED TO REPLY TO RAMOS CANTORAL LETTER AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT: THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF (INSERT DATE), ADVISING ME THAT, FOR PURPOSES OF ALLOCATION OF QUOTAS IN 1976, THE SECRETARIAT OF AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK IS WILLING
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TO ACCEPT A REDUCTION OF 8 MILLION POUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF

MEAT EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES PROVIDED IN THE BILATERAL RESTRAINT AGREEMENT OF JUNE 11, 1976 BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS. IN TURN, I WISH TO CONFIRM SEVERAL POINTS WHICH WE DISCUSSED EARLIER AND SOME OF WHICH YOU RAISED IN YOUR LETTER:

(1) THE RESULTING QUOTA ALLOCATION OF 52 MILLION POUNDS FOR MEXICO REPRESENTS OUR MUTUAL EXPECTATION THAT 1976 IMPORTS OF MEAT FROM MEXICO TO THE UNITED STATES WILL NOT REACH THE LEVEL PROVIDED IN THE AFOREMENTIONED AGREEMENT. IN CIRCUMSTANCES SUCH AS YOU DESCRIBE IN PARAGRAPH 4 OF YOUR LETTER TO ME, I WOULD THINK THAT CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE APPROPRIATE UNDER PARAGRAPH 5 OF THE AGREEMENT. I SHOULD NOTE THAT AT THE PRESENT TIME IT DOES NOT SEEM LIKELY THAT OTHER COUNTRIES WILL BE UNABLE TO SHIP THEIR FULL PERMITTED SHARES, BUT, AS YOU KNOW, MY GOVERNMENT DOES CONTINUOUSLY MONITOR THE SITUATION.

(2) WITH REGARD TO YOUR CONCERN THAT THE REDUCTION IN MEXICO'S SHIPMENTS THIS YEAR NOT CONSTITUTE A PRECEDENT FOR ALLOCATION OF ANY FUTURE U.S. IMPORT RESTRAINTS, PARAGRAPH 6 OF THE AFOREMENTIONED AGREEMENT PROVIDES THAT CALENDAR YEAR 1976, AS WELL AS CERTAIN OTHER PERIODS, SHALL NOT BE USED BY THE UNITED STATES AS A REPRESENTATIVE PERIOD IN CALCULATING MEXICO'S SHARE IN THE EVENT RESTRAINTS SHOULD AGAIN BECOME NECESSARY. THE LEVEL OF MEXICAN EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES IN 1976, OR THE PROPORTION THAT MEXICO'S LEVEL BEARS TO TOTAL U.S. IMPORTS IN 1976, THEREFORE IN NO SENSE CONSTITUTES A PRECEDENT FOR DETERMINING FUTURE LEVELS OR ALLOCATIONS.

(3) THE DECISIONS REGARDING WHETHER OR NOT TO HAVE A MEAT IMPORT PROGRAM FOR 1977 AND THE FORM OF ANY SUCH PROGRAM HAVE NOT YET BEEN MADE. WE COULD NOT MAKE A COMMITMENT AS TO THE EXACT PERCENTAGE WHICH WOULD BE ALLOCATED TO MEXICO IN THE EVENT THERE IS A PROGRAM. HOWEVER A REPRESENTATIVE PERIOD, EXCLUDING 1976 OR OTHER PERIODS WHEN THERE WERE RESTRAINT CONTROLS, WOULD LIKELY BE USED AGAIN IN CALCULATING RESTRAINT LEVEL ALLOCATIONS, AND THEREFORE MEXICO'S TRADITIONAL SHARE WOULD BE MAINTAINED. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN LIGHT OF MY GOVERNMENT'S EXISTING COMMITMENTS UNDER PARAGRAPH 6 OF OUR BILATERAL RESTRAINT AGREEMENT, WE DO NOT BELIEVE IN THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES THAT AN AMENDMENT TO OUR RESTRAINT AGREEMENT IS REQUIRED. PERMIT ME TO EXPRESS MY GOVERNMENT'S SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR YOUR COOPERATION IN THIS MATTER. END TEXT.

2. IF GOM INSISTS, AFTER DELIVERY OF LETTER, THAT THEY
MUST HAVE A NEW AGREEMENT, WE COULD ACCOMMODATE THEM TO
EXTENT OF SUBSTANCE OF THE ABOVE. REQUEST EMBASSY REPORT
GOM REACTION TO LETTER.

3. FYI - QUOTA ALLOCATIONS ARE SCHEDULED TO BE PUBLISHED
IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER OCT. 26. IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO
OMIT MEXICO FROM THIS LISTING. KISSINGER

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